

Northwood Middle School 2020-2021 6th Grade Course Descriptions

Course Name	Course Description
Art	This is a semester long class for sixth grade students that meets every other day. It would be for students looking to experience and challenge their skills and knowledge in the arts. Our goals in this class are to better understand the fundamentals of art, such as the elements and principles, learn skillful techniques in a variety of media, and be introduced to a variety of artists and art styles.
Beginning Band	This is a yearlong class that meets every other day. It gives students the opportunity to learn an instrument. The instruments included in this class are flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. In this class, students will be able to find the proper instrument for them, perform at least ten notes, read different musical notes and rhythms, perform alone and with others in musical works. The students of this class perform at two different concerts at the Winter and Spring concerts.
Beginning Orchestra	This is a yearlong class that meets every other day. It gives students the opportunity to play violin, viola, cello, or bass string instruments. In this class, students will be able to perform all notes in first position of the instruments, read notes and count rhythms on music, perform alone and with others on musical works. The students of this class perform at two different concerts at the Winter and Spring Concerts
Choir	This year long class (meets every other day) allows students to sing with others and perform at the end of each semester in front of friends and family. In this class students will learn about controlling their breath for singing, keeping steady beat and accurate rhythm, good intonation (pitch), and singing within an ensemble. Students may be asked to fundraise for the group in order to purchase new music and supplies (fundraisers will include an incentive program allowing kids to earn prizes).
Guitar	This semester long class allows students to learn how to play the guitar, drums, and bass guitar. Although the class is mainly focused on guitar, the exploring of the instruments in a modern band allows the students to create their own bands, which will perform together in front of the class. This class will focus on: learning to play the guitar, drums, bass (reading chord charts, strumming patterns, rhythmic drum patterns, and TAB), and creating music (writing chord progressions, rhythm patterns, and song writing).
Business Technology	The semester-long class is designed to teach proper technique and increase student efficiency when typing on the computer. The students will build their skills from home row, use correct finger strikes, maintain proper positioning, and increase accuracy and speed. There will be several guided and independent activities embedded throughout the semester formatting and utilizing Word documents and Power Point presentations.
Physical Education	A semester-long Physical Education class allowing students the opportunity to learn a variety of team sports and sports related movements as well as health fitness concepts: daily flexibility, strength, endurance and speed. Emphasis is placed on active participation and positive social interaction during fitness and sports activities.
Cardinal Television (CTV)	A semester long class introduces students to the technical and creative aspects of broadcasting and audio/visual production.
Spanish 6	This semester-long class introduces students to reading, writing, speaking and understanding introductory Spanish.